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Third Quarter.—Missionary and Church Extension.

Fourth Quarter.—Education and Conference Claimants.

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PROBATIONERS.

1	R. K. Boyd,	Knoxville,	Tennessee.
2	G. B Cox,	Ervin,	"
3	J. D. Droke,	Cleveland,	"
4	M. M. Murrell,	Maynardville,	"

*Those whose names are in *italics* are in the Supernumerary Relation; those in SMALL CAPITALS, in the Superannuated Relation.—ED.

†W. B. Ballenger died on the 15th of October; but his death was not known to the Conference until after it adjourned. He was granted a Superannuated Relation at the Conference session.—ED.

APPOINTMENTS.

CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT.

J. J. Manker, Presiding Elder.
Athens, L. H. Massey.
Athens Circuit, R. S. Sampson.
Blue Spring, to be supplied by C. Stewart.
Chatata, J. A. Nicholson.
Chattanooga, T. C. Warner.
Chattanooga, South, G. W. Coleman.
Cleveland, J. D. Droke.
Cleveland Circuit, W. C. Miller.
Decatur, H. H. Burk.
Ducktown, to be supplied by J. Swiney.
Madisonville, to be supplied by J. F. M. Duggan.
Ooltewah, G. Julian.
T. C. Carter, Editor Methodist Advocate, Member of Chattanooga Quarterly Conference.
J. F. Spence, President East Tennessee Wesleyan University, and Member of Athens Quarterly Conference.
W. H. Rogers, Sunday School Agent, Member of Cleveland Quarterly Conference.
W. R. Long, Colporteur American Bible Society, and Member of Athens Quarterly Conference.

GREENEVILLE DISTRICT.

J. S. Petty, Presiding Elder.
Ervin, G. B. Cox.
Fall Branch, S. G. Ketron.
Fullen's, T. B. Russell.
Greeneville, to be supplied.
Greeneville Circuit, J. H. Jennings.
Johnson City and Elizabethton, T. H. Hodge, and one to be supplied.
Jonesboro', to be supplied.
Jonesboro' Circuit, M. Seaton.
Kingsport, G. W. Jarvis.
Oakland, E. B. Clark.
Roan Mountain, to be supplied.
Taylorsville, G. M. Stone.
Watauga, to be supplied by F. H. Little.
J. C. Wright, Principal of Warner College, Member of Fullen's Quarterly Conference.
N. G. Taylor, Conference Evangelist, Member of Johnson City and Elizabethton Quarterly Conference.

KINGSTON DISTRICT.

L. B. Caldwell, Presiding Elder.
Crossville, F. G. Mellor.
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Hamilton, W. T. Jones.
Huntsville, to be supplied.
Jamestown, to be supplied by T. P. Darr.
Jasper, D. Richardson.
Kingston, A. C. Peters.
Kingston Circuit, A. B. Wright.
Pikeville, A. E. Barnes.
Scarborough, T. H. Russell.
Sunbright, S. B. Scott.
Tracy City, to be supplied by J. Duggan.
Wolf River, to be supplied by J. D. Winchester.

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C. B. Sparrow, Presiding Elder.
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Fair Garden, J. A. Baker
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Knoxville, North Church, R. K. Boyd.
Little River, R. C Robertson.
Loudon, P. H. Henry.
Maryville, J A. Ruble.
New Market, T. S. Walker.
New Salem, W C Daily.
Sevierville, R Pierce
Thorn Grove, to be supplied by M. H. Koon

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T. R. West, Presiding Elder.
Big Valley, W. Kinsland.
Clinton, B. Crist.
Coal Creek and Newcomb to be supplied by A. L. S. Bateman.
Fincastle, J. H. Amis
Emert, J. B Seaton.
Maynardville, M. M Murrell.
Morristown Circuit, W. T. Senter.
Newport, P. H. Reed.
Parrottsville, T. W. Brown.
Rogersville, J. L. Cardwell.
Rutlege, A. G. Watkins.
Sneedville, to be supplied by J. S. Albright.
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Tazewell, A. J. Greear.
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DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. *Who are received by Transfer, and from what Conference?* A. E. Barnes, T. C. Carter and R. S. Sampson from the Central Tennessee Conference, and T. C. Warner from the North Ohio Conference.

2. *Who are admitted on Trial?*—G. B. Cox and H. E. Johnson.

3. *Who remain on Trial?*—R. K. Boyd, J. D. Drake, M. M. Murrell.

4. *Who are Discontinued?*—None.

5. *Who are admitted into full Connection?*—F. G. Mellor, W. C. Miller.

6. *Who are Re-Admitted?*—None.

7. *Who are Received on Credentials from other Churches?*—None.

8. *What Traveling Preachers have been elected Deacons?*—F. G. Mellor.

9. *What Travelling Preachers have been ordained Deacons?*—F. G. Mellor.

10. *What Local Preachers have been Elected Deacons?*—R. C. Bramlett, J. F. M. Duggan, D. N. McInturff, M. H. Koon and John Swiney.

11. *What Local Preachers have been Ordained Deacons?*—The five elected.

12. *Who are the Traveling Deacons of the First Class?*—F. G. Mellor, W. C. Miller.

13. *Who are the Traveling Deacons of the Second Class?*—M. C. Bruner, S. G. Ketron.

14. *What Traveling Deacons have been Elected Elders?*—F. M. Cones, L. H. Massey.

15. *What Traveling Deacons have been Ordained Elders.?*—F. M. Cones, L. H. Massey, the former ordained by Bishop Foster at N. W. Indiana Conference, during its recent session.

16. *What local Deacons have been Elected Elders ?*—None.

17. *What local Deacons have been Ordained Elders ?*—None.

18. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers ?*—T. A. Cass, F. M. Cones, J. F. Morrison, W. D. Smith, M. R. M. Burk, J. B. Fitzgerald, A. J. Bruner, J. D. Lawson, R. O. Ayres, J. N. Moore, J N. Baker, A. F. Cresswell, J. F. Perry, J. K. P. Marshall, J. P. Milburn, J. W. Mann, J. B. Little, E. E. Pearman.

19. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*—L. Bogart, D. Carter, W. C. Graves, W. M. Haskell, J. R. Hughes, S. W. Hyden, S. Tinker, W. B. Ballenger.

20. *Was the Character of each Preacher Examined ?*—It was, according to the Discipline.

21. *Have any Died ?*—B. F. Wells.

22. *Have any been Transferred, and to what Conference ?*—H. E. Johnson to the Erie, I. C. Patton to the S. W., Kansas, C. S. Long and Yarmada Ganjiro to the Jasper Conferences.

23. *Have any Withdrawn ?*—None.

24. *Have any been Located at their own Request ?*—D. S. Hodsden, C. D. Munsey.

25. *Have any been Located ?*—None.

26. *Have any been Permitted to Withdraw under Charges ?*—None.

27. *Have any been Expelled ?*—None.

28. *Who are Selected for Triers of Appeals ?*—N. G. Taylor, T. H. Russell, B. Crist, T. S. Walker, W. T. Senter, J. J. Manker, J. A. Ruble.

29. *What is the Statistical Report ?*

Probationers,	2,192.
Full Members	18,067.
Local Preachers,	150
Total for 1884	20,409.

(See Statistical Tables.)

30. *What are the Claims on the Conference Fund ?*

31. *What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied ?*

Received from the Chartered Fund. - - - - - -	$30 00
" " " Book Concern, - - - - - -	110 00
" " Collections, - - - - - - - -	111 57
Total, - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$251 57

Applied by direction of the Conference.
[See Steward's Report.]

32. *Where are the Preachers Stationed?*
[See Appointments.]

33. *Where shall the next Conference be Held?*—Johnson City, Tennessee.

DAILY BUSINESS SESSIONS.

FIRST DAY.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
GREENEVILLE, TENNESSEE,
OCTOBER 16TH, 1884.

The Twentieth Session of the Holston Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, convened in the M. E. Church at Greenville, Tennessee, at 9 o'clock this morning, Bishop H. W. Warren, presiding.

In the opening services, the Bishop read Scripture lessons from the X. Chapter of Luke and from the XI. chapter of 11. Corinthians, and announced the 798th hymn—

"And are we yet alive."

After the singing of which he offered prayer.

Remarks of greeting and encouragement were then made by the Bishop, touching the progress of the Church in the various parts of the field over which he had recently traveled and worked.

J. S. Hill, Secretary of the last Session, called the Conference Roll, fifty-one members answering to their names.

J. S. Hill and T. B. Russell were placed in nomination for Secretary. J. S. Hill respectfully declined, and T. B. Russell was elected Secretary, with the privilege of nominating his assistant. L. H. Massey, was accordingly nominated and elected to that office.

J. F. Spence moved that the number of committees to be appointed be the same as appointed last year. The motion prevailed.

J. S. Petty read the report of the committee on Nominations,

(that committee being composed of the Presiding Elders) which was approved. [See Standing Committees.]

J. C. Wright was added to the committee on Education.

To a committee previously appointed on the Centennial of Methodism, W. C. Graves and N. G. Taylor were added.

The Bishop announced that the Conference was authorized to draw on the Chartered Fund for $30, and on the Book Concern for $110. The drafts were accordingly ordered.

On motion of J. F. Spence, the Conference Bar was fixed on a line with the third pair of windows, counting from the altar.

On motion of N. G. Taylor, it was agreed to have preaching each afternoon of the Conference.

Friday at 3 o'clock, P. M., was fixed for the delivery of a Semi-Centennial sermon by W. C. Graves.

On motion of J. S. Petty, the business hours were set from 8½, A. M., to 12 M., the first half hour to be devoted to prayer-meeting.

Rev. A. W. Richardson of the Virginia Conference, Rev. J. A. Francis of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Rev. T. C. Carter, Editor of the Methodist Advocate, and Rev. A. Jordan, of the East Tennessee Conference, were introduced to the Conference.

G. W. Coleman was chosen Statistical Secretary, and S. G. Ketron and J. H. Amis were chosen his assistants.

The Bishop read the action of the General Conference in respect to the Statistical Reports, and our Educational work in the South and Centennial offerings therefor.

M. C. Bruner and W. H. Rogers were appointed on the Committee of examination in the first year's course of study in the place of A. F. Creswell and G. M. Stone, who were absent.

The *Twentieth Question*—"Was the character of each preacher examined"—was taken up, and, after the approval of his character, R. Pierce read his report as Presiding Elder of the Chattanooga District; after which the names of the effective Elders of his district were called and approved, as follows, each one in charge reporting his collection for Missions, for Church Extension, and for Conference Claimants: G. M. Stone, J. B. Seaton, J. A. Nicholson, J. K. P. Marshall, B. Crist, J. J. Manker, J. F. Spence, L. B. Caldwell, G. W. Coleman and W. H. Rogers.

In harmony with the above plan, W. C. Daily, Presiding Elder of the Kingston District, read his report, and the Elders were approved as follows: H. H. Burk, S. B. Scott, E. E. Pearman, A. C. Peters, J. F Perry, T. H Russell and W. B. Ballenger.

The name of C. B. Sparrow, Presiding Elder of the Knoxville

District was called, his character approved, and he read his report. The Elders were approved as follows: M. A. Rule, J. A. Baker, J. M. Dunham, R. J. Cooke, J. W. Mann, R. C. Robertson, D. S. Hodsden and C. D. Munsey.

The character of T. R. West, Presiding Elder of the Powell's Valley District was approved, after which he read his report, and P. H. Henry, J. B. Little, S. Greer, J. H. Amis, A. G. Watkins, W. T. Senter, T. W. Brown, A. J. Greear, J. S. Hill and C. S. Long were severally approved as effective Elders.

W. B. Ballenger was granted a superannuated relation, and his case referred to the Board of Stewards.

On motion, J. S. Hill was appointed Chairman of the Board of Stewards in the place of J. A. Ruble.

W. M. Haskell was placed on the committee of examination in the third year's course of study in lieu of E. E. Pearman.

The various committees were called and announcements made, after which the doxology was sung and the benediction pronounced by Bishop Warren, the Conference having adjourned by expiration of time.

SECOND DAY.

Friday Morning, October 17th, 1884.

The Conference met at 8½ o'clock, A. M., W. H. Rodgers conducting the prayer meeting.

At 9 o'clock Bishop Warren took the chair, and the Journal was read and approved.

C. D. Munsey was added to the committee on Church Extension.

The reception of the Conference collections was made the order of the day for 10 o'clock.

Rev. J. N. Turrentine, Rev. J. S. Albright, Rev. Dr. Rust, and Rev. J. S. W. Neel were introduced to the Conference.

The *Twentieth Question* was resumed, under which J. S. Petty, after the passage of his character, read his report as Presiding Elder of the Greeneville District, and subsequent thereto, J. J. Robinette, J. P. Milburn, T. H. Hodge, G. W. Jarvis, E. B. Clark, A. F. Creswell, T. B. Russell, J. C. Wright and N. G. Taylor were called and approved, those in charge reporting their collections according to requirement.

N. G. Taylor made his report as Conference Evangelist, and the Bishop was requested by the Conference to re-appoint him to that work for the coming year.

The *Third Question*—"Who remain on trial"—was taken up, and, after favorable recommendations, R. K. Boyd, J. D. Drake and M. M. Murrell were continued on trial.

Under consideration of the *Twelfth Question*, M. C. Bruner and S. G. Ketron were approved and advanced to the second class of Deacons.

J. K. P. Marshall was granted a supernumerary relation at his own request.

Ten o'clock having arrived, the order of the day was observed.

A resolution offered by J. S. Hill, providing that the Printed Minutes be the Official Record of the Conference was approved.

N. G. Taylor, chairman of the committee on Education, submitted report No. 1., recommending the appointment of D. W. Remine, W. M. Earnest, A. M. Reser, J. T. C. McCaleb and N. S. Broyles as Trustees of Warren College for a period of three years; and also that J. F. Spence, D. A. Bolton, J. A. Ruble, J. K. P. Marshall and J. H. Hornsby be elected Trustees of East Tennessee Wesleyan University, and that R. J. Cooke be elected to fill the vacancy occasioned by the expiration of the term of F. C. Beaman, and T. C. Carter to serve one year in place of P. C. Wilson resigned. J. F. Spence made a motion to substitute the name of H. B. Case instead of J. A. Ruble, which, after much discussion, was lost. The original report was then adopted.

The *Eighteenth Question* was called, and T. A. Cass, F. M. Cones, J. F. Morrison, W. D. Smith, M. R. M. Burk, J. B. Fitzgerald, A. J. Bruner, J. N. Baker, J. D. Lawson, R. O. Ayres and J. N. Moore were approved and continued in the supernumerary relation.

A letter was read from F. M. Cones to the effect that he had been ordained Elder by Bishop Foster at the recent session of the N. W. Indiana Conference. A certificate of his ordination accompanied the letter.

J. H. Jennings, W. R. Long, A. B. Wright and W. Kinsland were placed on the effective list.

G. Julian, wishing to become effective, his case was referred to the committee on Conference Relations.

John R. Hughes was granted a superannuated relation.

The *Nineteenth Question* was taken up, and S. W. Hyden, D. Carter, W. M Haskell, L. Bogart, S. Tinker and W. C. Graves were severally approved and continued in the superannuated relation.

J. S. Petty announced that B. F. Wells was dead.

A. F. Creswell and J. F. Perry were granted supernumerary relations.

Under the *Fourteenth Question* L. H. Massey was in due form elected to Elder's orders.

The transfer of I. C. Patton to the South-West Kansas Conference was announced by the Bishop.

W. H. Rogers submitted the report of the committee on Bible Cause, which was approved.

E. W. Runyan of the Western Methodist Book Concern read a communication from Dr. Cranston concerning the business relations of that house with this Conference.

After announcements, the Conference adjourned with the benediction by Bishop Warren.

THIRD DAY.

SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 18th, 1884.

The Conference assembled at 8½, A. M. A. L. S. Bateman conducted the devotional services.

At 9 o'clock the business session commenced, Bishop Warren in the chair.

The Journal was read and pronounced correct.

W. H. Rogers presented his report as Treasurer of the Bible Cause which was approved, and he was instructed to forward the money in his hands to the Bible House at New York.

J. S. Petty presented his report as Treasurer of the Educational Society. It was referred for the incorporation of the Children's Day collections.

J. S. Hill, chairman of the Board of Stewards, presented their report, apportioning the Conference fund as follows:

To Mrs. Duggan	$15.00	Paid	to J. F. M. Duggan.
" " Guthrie	15.00	"	to F. G Mellor.
" " Henry	20.00	"	to P. H. Henry.
" " Cobliegh	42.57	"	to J. F. Spence
" " Forrester	40.00	"	to W. C. Daily.
" " Ingle	15.00	"	to A. W. Richardson.
" " Heninger	10.00	"	to S. G. Ketron.
" " Murphy	10.00	"	to W. M. Haskell.
" W. B Ballenger	15 00	"	to W. C. Daily.
" L Bogart	10 00	"	to J A Baker.
" W C Graves	15 00	"	to Himself
" J R Hughes	19.00	"	to Himself
" W. M. Haskell	25 00	"	to Himself
Total,	$251 57.		

The report was adopted.

A collection of $30.30 was raised in the Conference for Mrs. Cobliegh, and $21.14 for W. B. Ballenger.

Mrs. Dr. Savage was introduced to and addressed the Conference in the interest of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

Under the *Fifth Question* F. G. Mellor and W. C. Miller were called forward and addressed by the Bishop touching the work of the ministry, and, having received the Disciplinary recommendations, were admitted to full connection in the Conference.

F. G. Mellor was elected to Deacon's Orders, W. C. Miller being already a Deacon.

The transfer of C. S. Long and Yarmada Ganjiro to the Japan Conference, was announced.

Tenth Question.—R. C. Bramlette, J. Swiney, J. F. M. Duggan and M. H. Koon were in due process of law elected to Local Deacon's Orders.

Rev. Mr. Coile and Rev. Dr. Dobson were introduced to the Conference.

In answer to the *Thirty-Third Question*, Johnson City, Rogersville and Athens, each was nominated as a suitable place to hold the next Conference. After each place in its order was represented, the vote was taken and Johnson City was chosen.

H. E. Johnson was duly admitted on trial and transfered to the Erie Conference.

T. S. Walker offered a resolution requesting the Bishop to transfer T. C. Carter to this Conference. The resolution was adopted, and his transfer was accordingly announced.

L. B. Caldwell read the report of the committee on Freedmen's Aid Society, which, after remarks by Dr. Rust, was approved.

On motion the Conference adjourned to meet at 2½ o'clock, P. M.

Benediction by Bishop Warren.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Conference met pursuant to adjournment, Bishop Warren conducting the devotional services.

The Journal was read and approved.

G. B. Cox, having passed the required examinations, was duly admitted on trial.

L. H. Massey submitted the report of the committee on Church Extension which was approved after slight modification.

J. N. Moore made his report as Treasurer of the Tract Cause, which was approved.

N. G. Taylor offered resolutions of thanks to Bishop Warren and the Secretaries. Adopted unanimously.

W. C. Graves offered a resolution of thanks to J. S. Hill for

his former efficient service as Secretary of the Conference, which was adopted.

G. W. Jarvis, Treasurer of the Missionary Society, made his report, showing the total collection to be $598. The report was approved.

T. H. Russell made his report as chairman of the committee on District Conference Records, which was approved.

J. A. Nicholson, Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, made his report, which was approved.

On motion of R. J. Cooke the Educational collections were turned over to the Treasurer of the East Tennessee Wesleyan University for the benefit of the Theological students of that institution.

B. Crist, Treasurer of the Sunday-school collections, submitted his report, which was approved.

C. B. Sparrow read a resolution requesting the Bishop to reappoint W. H. Rogers Sunday-school Agent for the Holston Conference for the coming year. It was approved, and the appointment made.

J. P. Milburn was granted a supernumerary relation at his own request.

D. S. Hodsden made his report as Treasurer of the Freedmen's Aid Society, which was approved.

The committee on Conference Relations reported through its chairman, B, Crist, recommending that G. Julian be made effective. The report was adopted.

Some time was given to the collection of funds for the publication of the Conference Minutes.

The committee on Church Literature reported through T. S. Walker, and after remarks by T. C. Carter and Drs. Spence and Manker, the report was adopted. R. Pierce was appointed by the Conference to perform advisory services in the interests of the Methodist Advocate.

The committee on Temperance reported through G. W. Jarvis, and the report was approved.

C. D. Munsey and D. S. Hodsden were granted certificates of location at their own request.

Various resolutions of thanks were offered and adopted.

A resolution, offered by T. R. West, providing that the collections be taken in the same order as last year, was adopted.

A committee, composed of the Secretaries and G. W. Jarvis, was appointed to raise additional contributions for the publication of the Minutes.

On motion, after the reading of the Journal, the Conference adjourned to meet after the Sabbath evening services.

SABBATH EVENING SESSION.

The Conference met immediately after preaching by R. J. Cooke.

The Bishop announced the Committees of Examination and the Triers of Appeals for the coming year.

J. B. Little and J. W. Mann were placed on the supernumerary list.

J. J. Manker read a paper, expressing the action of the General Conference in respect to centennial offerings for our educational work, which was approved.

After an appropriate closing address by the Bishop, the appointments were read, and the Conference adjourned.

HENRY W. WARREN, *Presiding Bishop.*

THOMAS B. RUSSELL, *Secretary.*

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RESOLUTIONS.

OFFICIAL RECORD.

Resolved, That hereafter the Printed Minutes be accepted as the Official Record of this Conference.

J. S. HILL.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AGENT.

Resolved, That we request the Bishop to appoint W. H. Rogers Sunday-school Agent in the Holston Conference for the coming year.

N. G. TAYLOR,
T. H. RUSSELL,
J. J. MANKER.

T. C. CARTER TRANSFERRED.

Resolved, That we would be delighted to have T. C. Carter transferred to our Conference at the present session, and hereby request Bishop Warren to make said transfer, should the same be agreeable with Bro. Carter.

T. S. WALKER,
T. R. WEST,
J. M. DURHAM.

DR. R. S. RUST.

Resolved, That we have been delighted and edified by the presence and eloquent addresses of Dr. Rust, Secretary of the

Freedmen's Aid Society, and shall be pleased to have him visit us as often as possible in the future.

N. G. TAYLOR,
T. C. CARTER,
W. H. ROGERS.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.

Resolved, That this Conference pledges itself to raise $300 for Conference Claimants the coming year, and that the Presiding Elders apportion the same to the various charges.

J S. HILL.

RAIL ROADS.

Resolved, That we hereby tender our thanks to the different railroads for reduced rates to the members and visitors of this Conference.

W. H. ROGERS,
T. C CARTER.

BISHOP H. W. WARREN.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference be and are hereby tendered to Bishop Warren for the courteous manner in which he has presided over our deliberations, and for the wise and affectionate words of counsel and admonition with which he has from time to time favored us.

N. G TAYLOR,
C B. SPARROW.

SECRETARIES.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference be hereby tendered to the Secretaries for their efficient and courteous services in performing the duties of their offices.

N. G. TAYLOR,
C. B. SPARROW.

J. S. HILL.

WHEREAS, J. S. Hill served this Conference faithfully and efficiently for three years as Secretary, and presented our Records to the last General Conference in such a perfect state that they escaped all adverse criticism; and

WHEREAS, He spared no pains to have the Minutes of the Conference published in good time and in good style, footing a considerable portion of the bill of charges out of his own pocket, therefore,

Resolved, That we tender Bro. Hill our hearty thanks for his

faithful and satisfactory services, and for the sacrifices he made during the three years he served as Secretary.

W. C. Graves,
J. J. Manker.

CITIZENS OF GREENEVILLE—J. S. PETTY AND J. J. ROBINETTE.

Resolved, That we highly appreciate the generous hospitality of the citizens of Greeneville among whom we have been so pleasantly entertained during our session.

Resolved, That we hereby express our gratitude to J. S. Petty and J. J. Robinette for the very satisfactory arrangements made by them for our entertainment and comfort.

T. H. Russell,
J. A. Nicholson.

REPORTS.

CHURCH LITERATURE.

We rejoice that the Methodist Episcopal Church has made ample provision for supplying the people with good healthful literature, and would urge our preachers and people to do their utmost to circulate our books and periodicals.

We recommend especially our various Church Papers as every way worthy of the patronage of our people.

We endorse the *Methodist Advocate*, published at Chattanooga, Tenn., as our local organ, and pledge ourselves to labor for the increase of its circulation in the bounds of this Conference.

Resolved, That in keeping with the action of the last General Conference, we request Bishop Warren to appoint T. C. Carter to the editorship of said paper.

Respectfully Submitted.

Oct. 18, 1884. A. C. Peters, *Chairman.*

MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS TO THE HOLSTON CONFERENCE.

Chattanooga District	$160
Chattanooga South	500
Athens	100
Cleveland	100
Ducktown	$80
Ooltewah	$60
Total	$1 000
Greeneville District	$100
Ervin	$80
Jonesboro'	$50
Roan Mountain	100
Taylorsville	100
Watauga	$50
Total	$480
Knoxville District	$75
Knoxville Second Church	200
Total	$275
Kingston District	$150
Crossville	$60
Huntsville	$50
Jamestown	$70
Kingston	$50
Kingston Circuit	$50
Pikeville	$70
Scarboro'	$60
Sunbright	$60
Tracy City	$50
Wolf River	$50
Total	$720
Morristown District	$200
Coal Creek	$50

Clinton	$50
Emert	$50
Maynardville	$40
Morristown	$300
Newport	$50
Parrottsville	$60
Rogersville	$35
Rutlege	$40
Speedwell	$40
Sneedville	$40
Tazewell	$70
Total	$1025
Grand Total	$3,500

GREENEVILLE, Oct. 18, 1884.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

We regard our Church Entension Society as second to no other society of our Church in its relative importance, and as first of them all in its relation to our Southern work. We would remind our friends of the great need of church houses at some points in this Conference at the present time. Among them may be mentioned two or three localities in Knoxville and Chattanooga, and Jonesboro', where our church was recently burned, and also Morristown and Newport.

At these places our people cannot build without aid; but if favored with liberal aid, they would build churches which would do honor to our Zion and bless the people in the years to come.

We heartily approve the plan of the Presiding Elders to raise our full assessments for this cause annually, that we may draw upon the Parent Board for our entire apportionment from year to year.

Finally: We are profoundly grateful for favors already received, and state, as encouragement for the future, an advance in collections over last year.

L. H. MASSEY, *Chairman.*

OCTOBER 18th, 1884.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT.

Athens, L. H. Massey,	Cash.	$1.00
Blue Spring, J. B Seaton,	"	2.00
Chatata, J. A. Nicholson,	"	1.00
Chattanooga, J J. Manker,	"	1.00
Cleveland, J. K. P. Marshall,	"	1.00
Total		$6.00

CHILDREN'S DAY COLLECTIONS.

Athens, L. H. Massey, receipt from Dr. D. P. Kidder,	$4.00
Chattanooga, J. J. Manker, " " " "	6.00
Cleveland Circuit, W. C Miller " " "	2 40
Total	$12.40

GREENEVILLE DISTRICT.

Greeneville, J. J. Robinette,	Cash.	$5.00
Johnson City and Elizabethton, T. H. Hodge.		2 00
Jonesboro', G. B. Cox,	Cash,	2.00
Rheatown, T. B. Russell,	"	1.00
Taylorsville, S. G. Ketron,	"	1.00
Total		$11.00

CHILDREN'S DAY COLLECTIONS.

Greeneville, J. J. Robinette. reeeipt from Dr. Kidder,	$4.00
Oakland, E. B. Clark, " " " "	5.40
Rheatown, T B Russell, " " " "	3.25
Total	$12.65

KINGSTON DISTRICT.

Pikeville, J. F. Perry,	Cash.	$100

CHILDREN'S DAY COLLECTIONS.

Scarborough, T. H. Russell,	Cash.	$1.00
Sunbright, A. B Wright, receipt from Dr. Kidder,		2.95
Total		$3.95

KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.

Fair Garden, J. A. Baker,	Cash.	$100
Knoxville, R. J. Cooke,	"	2.00
Knox Circuit, J. M. Durham,	"	2.00
Sevierville, C. D. Munsey,	"	3.00
Newport, R. C. Robertson,	"	1.00
Total		$9.00

CHILDREN'S DAY COLLECTIONS.

Knoxville, R. J. Cooke, receipt from Dr. Kidder,		$5.00
New Salem, D. S. Hodsden, " " " "		1.50
" " "	Cash.	50
	Total.....	$7.00

POWELL'S VALLEY DISTRICT

Fincastle and Speedwell, J. B. Little,	Cash.	$1.00
Rogersville, W. T. Senter,	"	2.00
Rutlege, T. W. Brown,	"	1.00
	Total.....	$4.00

CHILDREN'S DAY COLLECTIONS.

Fincastle and Speedwell, J. S. Little, receipt from Dr. Kidder,		$7 35
Jellico and Newcomb, J. H. Amis, " " " "		2.50
Maynardsville, F. M. Hinds, receipt " " "		3.00
	Total.....	$12.85

SUMMARY.

Cash collections for Education, ordered paid to the Treasurer of the East Tennessee Wesleyan University $31.00
Children's Day Collections, ... 48.85

Total $79.85

J. S. PETTY, Treasurer.

Oct. 20th, 1884.

BIBLE CAUSE.

The continued success which has attended the efforts of the American Bible Society in the distribution of Bibles and the education of the people in the word of God, affords occasion for great joy.

This great establishment has been a success from the start, being now, as it always has been, a most potent factor in the conversion of multitudes to the Christian Religion.

Its daily distribution of the Bible is simply immense. It is now printing about 10,000 Bibles per day. Its total issue in 68 years has been 43,892,031. One hundred years ago there was only 4,000,000 Bibles in whole or in part in 50 languages and dialects. To-day there are 200,000,000 complete copies published in 300 different languages and dialects.

The work of this Society commends itself to the charity and liberality of all the Christian Churches.

We append the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we, the members of the Holston Conference, pledge to this Society our hearty support, and that we will take up collections in all our charges for the aid of the great work it is doing.

Resolved, That we recommend the appointment of W. H. Rogers as Bible Agent for the coming year.

Resolved, That we ask a grant of $200 worth of Bibles for distribution within the bounds of the Holston Conference.

W. H. Rogers, *Chairman*.

Greeneville, Oct. 18th, 1884.

TEMPERANCE.

We are as much as ever convinced of the evils resulting from the use of intoxicating liquors and the importance of creating a public sentiment in favor of the suppression of the liquor traffic.

Among its evils are the unnecessary waste of money and property, the destruction of character, premature old age, the loss of life, and the everlasting overthrow of the soul.

We believe that the Church is the most effective agent that can be employed for the suppression of intemperance, and that all other organizations are but collateral helps. Whatever influence the prohibitory sentiment may have on society, is due, more or less directly, to the preaching of the gospel.

Never in the history of the country or the Methodist Episcopal Church have such golden opportunities for fruitful work and bountiful harvests in the Temperance cause presented themselves as now. And we are proud to know that foremost in all the campaign against drunkenness, our church has bravely stood. Her voice has opposed the use of intoxicating drinks steadily and unanimously, except medicinally, and then only in cases of *extreme* necessity.

We desire to record our most hearty and emphatic endorsement of the action of the last General Conference upon this subject; and we further desire to emphasize our opposition to all license laws or any other method of regulating this monstrous and terrible evil.

To this end we would most respectfully and urgently petition the Legislature of Tennessee, soon to meet in the city of Nashville, to submit a constitutional amendment prohibiting the manufacture, sale, or importation of all intoxicating liquors as a beverage, to the voters of the State at a time when no other question is before them, and at a time when there is no other election, and at the very earliest practical moment.

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Resolved, That as a Conference we will urge the several candidates for the Legislature to work and vote for the submission of such a constitutional amendment.

Resolved, That we commend the efforts of all well organized Temperance Societies for the advancement of sobriety and temperance reform.

G. W. JARVIS, *Chairman.*

OCT. 18, 1884.

FREEDMEN'S AID SOCIETY.

While your committee reaffirms the facts included in the report of your committee of last year, they regard it important to call the attention of the Conference particularly to the action of the last General Conference referring to the unity of the educational work in the South. It was directed by the said General Conference that the entire educational work in the Southern States should be under the direction of one Society, and that the Freedmen's Aid Society should have the full charge of this work in that section. It was further directed by the General Conference that an appeal should be made to the whole church for half a million of dollars as a Centennial Offering for the great work of the Freedmen's Aid Society. And your committee would call the attention of this Conference to a circular issued by the Freedmen's Aid Society, entitled *Centennial Appeal for Education in the South.*

The circular referred to is full of information on this subject. The Freedmen's Aid Society purposes to make an effort to raise, in the South, a Centennial Offering of $100,000. And in order to raise this amount, the sum of one dollar per member is asked from the Holston Conference, and it is recommended by your committee that the money so collected shall be applied for the benefit of the different schools within the bounds of the Holston Conference, as those contributing may designate, and any sums not specially designated shall be equally divided between the small schools within this Conference. In view of the importance of the educational work in the South, your committee recommends the following:

Resolved, That we heartily endorse the action of the last General Conference on this educational work of the South.

Resolved, That we most heartily co-operate with the recommendation of the Freedmen's Aid Society for the purpose of securing, or collecting said Centennial fund.

L. B. CALDWELL, *Chairman.*

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Tennessee Wesleyan College

EDUCATION.

Your committee having carefully examined all papers submitted to it concerning the character and condition of the Institutions of learning entrusted to the patronage of this Conference, beg leave to present the following report:

EAST TENNESSEE WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

The passed year has been one of unprecedented prosperity and material growth. The annual catalogue shows an enrollment of 279 students, 30 of whom were in preparation for the ministry. During the year nine southern States were represented in the halls of the University, also two northern States.

The Hatfield Boarding Hall, a beautiful structure, 74 feet long by 32 feet wide, three stories high, with a capacity to accommodate 40 students, has just been completed at a cost of $3000, every dollar of which has been paid.

The Chapel and Church, a splendid building of modern style, has been completed and dedicated with every dollar of indebtedness provided for.

The moral and religious status of the school during the past year has been unusually good.

This school was never more full of promise than at the present. The Trustees continue the free tuition system, simply charging an incidental fee of $5 per term.

Resolved, That we are greatly gratified with the prosperity of the University during the past year, and we hereby pledge our cordial support for the year to come.

Resolved, That we recommend the appointment of T. S. Walker, L. H. Massey, J. J. Robinette, S. G. Ketron, C. B. Sparrow and J. A. Nicholson, of Holston Conference; H. Boyd and J. H. Dunn, of the Georgia Conference; E. H. Vaughan and A. W. Richardson, of the Virginia Conference; and J. D. Robertson, of the Blue Ridge Conference, as visiting and examining committee for the ensuing year.

THE CENTRAL UNIVERSITY.

We claim it unnecessary to add anything to the strong resolutions heretofore passed by this Conference regarding the Central University for our entire southern field to be established at Chattanooga.

A new site has been purchased by the Freedmen's Aid Society, the foundations for a magnificent building have been laid, and the work is now being pushed to a speedy completion.

The energy characterizing this grand effort deserves our most hearty thanks.

KINGSLEY SEMINARY.

This Institution under the management of the Principal, Joseph H. Ketron, A. M., has been a success from the beginning. Students have been received from six different States. To this present date, 402 students have been enrolled. Of this number 184 have been boarders. The enrollment for the past year reached 149—the largest ever received.

About 75 teachers have been trained at Kingsley Seminary, and they have given general satisfaction. To meet the heavy demand for teachers, a Normal Class was organized early in 1883, in which 50 students have been enrolled.

Large numbers of the students have been converted each year, and have become active workers in the church.

The corner stone of a more commodious main building has been laid and the structure will be completed soon.

We, your committee, recommend the appointment of S. G. Ketron, G. W. Jarvis and J. S. Petty, as a visiting and examining committee.

HOLSTON SEMINARY.

This Seminary, located at New Market, on the E. T. Va., & Ga. R. R., under the principalship of Prof. S. P. Fowler, is doing good work.

The enrollment for 1883-4 was 125 with an average attendance much better than any previous year. The enrollment to date this year is 133. The prospects for a successful term were never so good. Teachers in all departments, four.

As a visiting and examinining committee, we recommend the appointment of T. S. Walker, J. S. Hill and C. B. Sparrow.

WARREN COLLEGE.

Warren College had a very successful year which closed May 21, 1884. The present year has opened with an unusal attendance. The enrollment to date is 115, about 65 being adult students in college preparatory department, and 18 in the classics.

Our teachers are at their posts. The new property is very nearly completed. The buildings are well arranged, elegant and attractive. There is still a small debt on the property, but not large enough to be embarrassing.

We are needing a boarding hall very much and hope that by next Conference we shall be able to report progress in that direction.

As a visiting and examining committee to this school we recommend the appointment of N. G. Taylor, T. B. Russell and J. S. Petty.

POWELL'S VALLEY SEMINARY.

This Institution is situated in one of the most beautiful valleys in East Tennessee, and is under the charge of Prof. W. A. Wright, A. M.

The past year has been one of great prosperity. A fine brick building has been completed at a cost of nearly $3000.

We recommend the appointment of J. H. Amis, A. J. Greer and T. R. West as a visiting and examining committee.

SEQUATCHIE COLLEGE.

This college is situated in Sequatchie Valley, Tenn.

The property consists of about 15 acres of land as a campus, and a large two-story brick building in good condition, also a similar building of like dimensions, which is nearly completed.

Prof. E. W. Matson, A. M., is the principal. The past was a successful year, and the outlook for the future is very flattering.

We recommend the appointment of A. C. Peters, J. F. Perry and L. B. Caldwell as a visiting and examining committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

N. G. Taylor, *Chairman.*

R. J. Cooke, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CENTENNIAL.

Whereas, The last General Conference passed the following resolutions :

"*Resolved*, That in grateful acknowledgment of the good hand of God upon us during the first century of our history as a Church, we hereby call upon all our preachers and people throughout the world to hold, in every charge in connection with Christmas week the present year, especial religious services commemorative of the organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and we recommend that this be done in the spirit of the declaration of our bishops, that these 'religious services ought to be the chief feature of the celebration.'

"*Resolved*, That a Centennial thank-offering . . . . is an eminently appropriate and useful mode of expressing our gratitude to Almighty God for the signal blessings with which he has crowned the closing century.

Resolved, That we are in full accord with our chief pastor when, in their recently published general directions, they affirm that 'the chief object of this connectional offering should be the cause of education.' "

And, whereas, The General Conference, being deeply im-

pressed with the vastness and importance of our educational work in the South, made a special appeal to the whole Church for half a million dollars for that work, as follows:

Resolved, That an appeal be made to the whole Church for half a million of dollars, as a Centennial offering for the great work of the Freedmen's Aid Society: and, while through all other portions of the Church the usual agencies are employed in raising this amount, the Freedmen's Aid Society is hereby authorized and directed to organize and prosecute such financial effort among the Conferences of the South."

And, whereas, The Holston Conference is asked to raise $20,000 of this amount, for the benefit of the institutions within its bounds, therefore,

Resolved, That the Presiding Elders are hereby instructed to apportion the said sum of $20,000 to the districts, and each Presiding Elder to apportion the sum set to his district among the several charges thereof, and to use due diligence to secure the collection of the amounts so apportioned.

Resolved, That every contributor shall be at liberty to designate to what particular institution or institutions his offering shall be applied, but we recommend that contributors apply their donations to the institution or institutions within the bounds of the district in which they live.

Resolved, That all undesignated gifts be equally divided among the several institutions within the bounds of the Conference.

Resolved, That the Presiding Elders be and are hereby appointed an Executive and Advisory Committee to co-operate with the Freedmen's Aid Society in the direction and prosecution of our Centennial efforts.

Resolved, That the officers of our several institutions of learning, are hereby requested to assist and co-operate with the Presiding Elders and pastors in canvassing their patronizing territory.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. J. Manker,
N. G. Taylor,
W. H. Rogers,
A. C. Peters,
J. J. Robinette,
W. C. Graves,
T. S. Walker.

MEMOIRS.

It becomes our painful duty to add to the record of the deceased of this Conference the names of two beloved "elect ladies" who have, during the last year,been called away from association with the Church militant.

Louisa M. Watkins, wife of Albert G. Watkins, a member of this Conference, was born August 8th, 1822. She professed religion and joined the M. E. Church in 1834. She and Bro. Watkins were married in 1839. She died Oct. 2, 1884 in the 62nd year of her age.

For 50 years she lived a faithful Christian life, and died in the faith.

Several of her ten children had gone before her to the heavenly home.

HENRIETTA S. HODGE.

Mrs. Henrietta S. Hodge, the lovely and beloved wife of. Thomas H. Hodge, pastor of Elizabethtown and Johnson City charge, M. E. Church, departed this life at the parsonage, on the 23rd of April, 1884, a victim of consumption. Sister Hodge was born in the Valley of Virginia,March 14,1852 ;was brought to East Tennessee in early childhood,by her parents ; was converted at 16 years of age ; attached herself to the M. E. Church, and was a faithful, earnest and devoted member to the end of her earthly career. United in marriage to Thomas H. Hodge, January 24, 1878, her presence made bright and sweet the itinerant's home for nearly six years, and added to its charming attractions, Maud and Paul, now respectfully five and two years old—two beautiful and intelligent children, who are left to bloom in the tearful beauty of orphaned innocence among the ruins of their weeping father's blighted hopes.

Sister Hodge loved, revered and studied the Bible ; was a woman of prayer :lived and "walked by faith and not by sight," was devoted to God and humanity in her affections, and delighted in administering to the afflicted ; and loved the Church. She met heroically and endured with courage and patience the inconveniences, annoyances and privations incident to itinerant life, and anxiously gave herself to the prosperity of her husband's work. Two years ago, while at Athens, as a result of former attacks of pneumonia, the Destroyer smote her with hemorrhage of the lungs ; insidious and deceptive decline ensued, followed by fatal consumption. She suffered long, and severely, but with great fortitude, and desired to live that she might care for her children, and cheer and bless her husband